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To: In-State Inpatient Hospitals

In-State Inpatient Hospital Claims Must Follow PHP Payment Guidelines

All in-state inpatient hospital claims follow Partnership Hospital Program (PHP) payment guidelines. PHP requires all claims to be filed by the last day of February of the following year.

The fiscal year begins October 1 and ends September 30. Listed below are examples of filing deadlines:

- Any inpatient claims with dates of service from October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006 that are filed after February 28, 2007 will be denied by EDS as exceeding the PHP filing limit. Recipients may not be billed if a claim is denied for this reason.

- Any inpatient claims for retroactive coverage with dates of service from October 1, 2005, through September 30, 2006 that are filed after February 28, 2007 will be denied by EDS. Hospital must seek payment, if any, from PHPs. Recipients may not be billed if a claim is denied for this reason. However, a hospital that accepts a patient as private pay before rendering service is not obligated to bill Medicaid if the patient receives retroactive eligibility. In this case, the recipient may be billed.

- Any inpatient claims with dates of service from October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006 that are filed after February 28, 2007 with third party liability action (either paid or denied) will be denied by EDS. The usual third party filing limits will not apply. Recipient may not be billed if a claim is denied for this reason.

Any inpatient claims with dates of service prior to October 1, 2006 are considered outdated. Recipients may not be billed.

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